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REMARKS

Claims 42-48 were pending in the present application, Claims 1-41 were previously cancelled, Claims 46-48 are cancelled herein, and new Claims 49-54 are added. Applicants will address each of the pending matters in the order in which they appear in the Office Action of April 6, 2004.

Provisional Rejection of Claims 42-45 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting

Claims 42-45 have been rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1, 4, 5, 6 and 8 of copending application no. 10/407,888. Applicants wish to note that Claims 1, 4, 5, 6 and 8 were deleted in copending application no. 10/407,888 have been cancelled and the subject matter in question is not found in the currently pending claims.

Therefore, the basis for the provisional rejection of Claims 42-45 is moot and Applicants ask that it be withdrawn.

Objection to Claims 46-48

Claims 46-48 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. While Applicants submit this matter is also rendered moot in view of the matters discussed above, the subject matter of Claims 46-48 has been rewritten as the new independent Claims 49, 51 and 53, presented above. Therefore, Applicants ask that this objection be withdrawn.

Applicants submit the present application is now in condition for allowance and ask for a decision to that effect.

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